

MERCHANTS INTERESTED

Plans for Securing Labor for the American Tobacco Co.

LETTER FROM THE COMPANY

Only One Hundred and Fifty Persons Are Now Employed and Two Thousand Are Wanted—Corporation's Generous Policy.

Plans for securing labor for the local branch of the American Tobacco Company are now occupying the attention of the merchants and business men of the city. It is likely that a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be called for next Friday night to receive the report of the special committee which is working on this matter.

Following is a communication which Manager Williams, of the local factory, has addressed to the chamber:

"Mr. F. L. Farrar, Secretary,
"Chamber of Commerce,
"Newport News, Va.

"Dear Sir: While in your city on Saturday it was my pleasure to meet Mr. Cottrell, with whom I talked regarding the disappointing conditions from a labor standpoint existing at our Newport News branch, owing to the scarcity of labor (?) or lack of interest on the part of the people of the city in securing lucrative employment. As it is impossible for me to be present at your board meeting on Friday, at Mr. Cottrell's suggestion this communication is addressed to you, hoping it will be brought to the attention of your board at their meeting on Friday evening next.

"When your city was first brought to our company's attention as an available point for the manufacture of our products, and later through personal investigation by several representatives of the company, we were impressed with the seeming possibilities of your city for the establishment of a large plant, in which we hoped ultimately to secure the services of 1,000 or 1,500 people both male and female, at congenial and profitable employment, and so stated these facts to Mr. Cottrell when executing the lease for the property, at the same time making a conservative statement regarding the rate of wages the ambitious employees would earn. Our pay-roll at the branch bears out the statement made at the time, which was in no way misrepresented nor overdrawn. The figures before the writer show that for the week ending April 14th the highest amount paid to rollers was \$7.95, with an average of \$3.79. For the week ending May 2nd the highest amount paid to rollers was \$9.05, with an average of \$3.99. For the week ending June 27th the highest amount paid was \$10.70, with an average of \$5.27, while the bunch making and other departments show a relative increase during the same periods. This is most satisfactory to us, as it shows conclusively that the employees, none of whom have had more than six weeks' experience, are doing even better than was represented they could do. The discouragement, however, is in the fact of not securing people sufficient to warrant our continuing under the present conditions, and dispelling the fond hope that we in a reasonable time, unless conditions materially change, can grow to any proportion.

In this connection we submit the following figures: Since opening the factory about January 1st, we have employed a total of about 518 people, 271 female and 247 male. Of the former 63 per cent. have dropped out, and of the latter 80 per cent., leaving employed about 150 people in all, with but few new applicants for positions. Your board will readily agree that these conditions are more than discouraging, when every effort is being made on the part of the management to encourage the young people to secure employment with us, which in time would give the city another large and permanent industry.

"For the purpose of interesting your board in the subject, and hoping thereby to secure your hearty co-operation in working up a sentiment of enthusiasm to foster and develop the nucleus of an industry into large and creditable proportion, we have submitted the foregoing data for your information.

"We feel that perhaps for the community to appreciate the advantages that will accrue through the growth of the industry it may become necessary to do a little missionary work among the people to overcome any

feeling of prejudice that may exist regarding employment in factories. Our sanitary conditions are most excellent, the work healthful, and the management is doing everything in its power to make the surroundings pleasant and congenial, and to maintain the dignity, high standard and moral tone of the institution, so that it shall be above reproach or criticism at any time.

"Trusting that this communication will receive due consideration, and thanking you in advance for your co-operation, we beg to remain,

"Very respectfully,

"GEO. W. WILLIAMS,"

Company's Generous Policy.

The following circular has been posted in the American Tobacco Company's local branch:

"Employees' Bounty.

"Upon proof of the death, before July 1st, 1907, of any person in the employ of this company at the time of his or her death, who shall have been continuously in the employment of this company for at least one year preceding his, or her death, and whose wages do not, at the date of his or her death, exceed fifty dollars per week, The American Tobacco Company will donate in cash to the person finally designated by such employee a sum of money equal to the wages paid to such dead employee by this company during the last year of his or her life, not exceeding, however, in any case, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

"Any employee desiring to avail himself or herself of this bounty must give to the cashier of the branch at which he or she is employed, the name of the person selected to receive it; and such selection may be changed by the employee at pleasure by notice to the cashier of the branch.

"The donation hereunder will be made only upon satisfactory proof of death made to our New York office within sixty days after the death of such employee, and will be made only to the person finally designated and not to the heirs, executor, administrator, creditors or assigns of such person.

"THE AMERICAN TOBACCO CO."

MARINE NOTES

Notice to Mariners.

The department of Commerce and Labor has issued the following notice to mariners:

Nansemond River Light Station, Va. Located in 5 1-2 feet of water, on a shoal on the easterly side of the entrance to Nansemond river, 1-2 mile northerly of Pig Point, Va.

The fog bell machinery at this station, reported disabled May 16, was repaired and its use resumed July 10.

Saturday, July 14, 1906.

Arrived.

Steamer Niceto, (Span.) Beotegul, Galveston—To C. H. Arnel for 200 tons bunker coal.

Steamer Jefferson, Dole, New York and Norfolk—To Old Dominion Steamship Company with passengers and merchandise.

Steamer Howard, Chase, Providence and Norfolk—To Merchants & Miners Transportation Company with passengers and merchandise.

Steamer Yemassee, Simmons, Philadelphia and Norfolk—To Clyde Steamship Company with merchandise.

Tug Cuba with barges Sagua, Boston; Tipton, New Bedford, Bristol, Fall River.

Cleared.

Schooner E. Marie Brown, Cole, Mayport, Fla.

Sailed.

Steamers: Almora (Br.) Turner Glasgow; Jupiter (Br.) Garrett, New York; Gulf of Anad (Br.) Foxworthy, New Orleans; Bay State, Pederson, Lynn; Princess Anne, Tappan, Norfolk and New York; Powhatan, Ryan, Norfolk and Providence; Howard, Chase, Baltimore.

Schooner Helvitia, Bernet, Plymouth.

Calendar For This Day.

Sun Rises4:56 a. m.
Sun Sets7:25 p. m.
High water.....5:26 a. m.; 5:49 p. m.
Low water.....11:21 a. m.; 12:17 p. m.

Calendar For Monday.

Sun Rises4:56 a. m.
Sun Sets7:25 p. m.
High water.....6:22 a. m.; 6:27 p. m.
Low water.....a. m.; 12:11 p. m.

Off For Erie Basin.

The British steamer Jupiter sailed yesterday for New York, where she is to be repaired at Robbins' Erie Basin. The vessel has been in dry dock No. 1, at the local shipyard for several days, having her hull surveyed. She was damaged by grounding on a reef of the coast of Cuba last May.

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Unusually Great Values

Throughout the entire store tomorrow. The Midsummer Red Ticket Sale continues all this week. This store, always the most comfortable for warm weather shopping, is made especially interesting by the remarkable values now being shown. All over the store you will find things you need to wear, to use, or to add to the beauty and comfort of the home, at far less than the usual cost.

\$1.50 Taffeta Silk, \$1.25

A real Swiss Taffeta brilliant lustre, rich black, heavy weight, full yard wide; Sale price \$1.25

BLACK FRENCH VOILE.

This splendid imported voile usually sells at a \$1.50—the dressy fabric of the season. Sale price \$1.25

50c China Silks, 39c.

Black and white and all the favorite shades, 27 inches wide. Sale price 39c

BRILLIANTINE SKIRTS.

Black, cream and navy, the very latest styles and splendidly tailored. Sale price \$4.50

MANNISH SHIRTWAISTS.

This is an exceptional value; they are the season's newest and best styles, made of pure Irish Linen, trimmed in tucks and hand embroidered, regular \$3.50, \$3.98 and \$1.50 values. Sale price \$2.98

SILK ORGANDIES.

White and cream ground with large pink, blue, yellow and heliotrope rose design, regular 25c and 30c values. Sale price 21c

WHITE DRESS LINENS.

For Waists and Suits, special sale prices on Linen Lawns, Irish Linens and Dress Linen, interesting prices.

LADIES' HOSE REDUCED

Lace Lisle, fancy gauze Lisle, plain gauze Lisle in black and white, also pink; blue, heliotrope, grey and green, and fancy embroidered Hose in a wide range of pretty designs. Sale price 44c

MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS

Cut extra full size, and well made, snappy in style and perfect in finish, there is a wide variety of styles in pretty neat designs. Sale price 47c

MEN'S HIGH GRADE NEGLIGEE SHIRTS

In the most wanted patterns, also plain white, soft fronts, pleated fronts and stiff fronts, separate cuffs; regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values. Sale price 89c

MEN'S JEAN DRAWERS

Web inserted, finished with double row of stitching, extra strong and durable, never sold for less than 50c, they go on sale tomorrow, at 44c

Men's Underwear

Bulbrigan and white skirts and drawers. Sale price 22c

CALVERT MILLS UNDERWEAR

This famous make of underwear always gives satisfaction, shirts and drawers, three for \$1.00

MEN'S FINE WHITE LISLE

SHIRTS AND DRAWERS.

Superior finish, regular 50c garment. Sale price 44c

MEN'S SUPER WHITE LISLE

THREAD SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, a beautiful garment, usually sold for \$1.00. Sale price 69c

Ladies' Underwear

RIBBED GAUZE VESTS,

without sleeves, low neck, 9c, 12 1-2c and 23c

GAUZE LISLE VESTS.

fine ribbed, extra quality, regular 3 for \$1.00

Hosiery

GAUZE LISLE HOSE,

black, white, pink and light blue. Sale price 23c

CHILDREN'S SOCKS

light blue, pink, tan, black and white. Sale price, 2 pairs, for 25c

Point Val. Lace

At a bargain, we have about 150 yards of this handsome lace, sold earlier in the season for 15 and 20c a yard. Two to five inches wide, in a variety of patterns, on sale tomorrow morning, at 9c

WHITE CANVAS BAGS REDUCED.

Two numbers go on sale tomorrow at special prices:

\$1.00 Bags. Sale price 79c

50c Bags. Sale price 42c

ANOTHER NEW BELT

Pretty and stylish, made of embroidery with neat open work edge, regular 25c seller. Sale price 19c

THESE PERSIAN RIBBONS

MUCH UNDER PRICE.

10c Ribbon at 5c. Narrow Persian effects, light blue, red, lavender and pink. Sale price 5c

NECKWEAR—SPECIAL

Regular 25c turn over collars, chemisettes and collar and cuff sets. Sale price 19c

PILLOW SHAMS AND SCARFS.

Irish Point and Applique designs, ruffled and plain. Sale price 22c

BABY CAPS

Trimmed in pretty lace and insertion, tucked and hemstitched, variety of styles. Sale price 22c

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2909 Washington Avenue

Newport News, Va.

SABBATH DAY SERVICES IN THE CITY'S CHURCHES

Subjects Announced For Today by Various Pastors—Visiting Ministers Here.

Rev. H. T. Loutham, of Williamsburg, will preach to the congregation of the Newport News Baptist church this morning and evening at the Casino building. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Porter, D. D., is absent on his vacation.

Trinity Methodist.

Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, will preach today on the following subjects: Morning, "The Thirty Silent Years in the Life of Christ;" evening, "The Universal Note in the Message of Jesus."

Second Presbyterian.

Services will be held at the First Presbyterian church today as follows: 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. T. Wellford, upon "The Criminality of Consent;" 5 p. m., preaching by the pastor, subject, "The God We Need." There have been 82 additions to this church since January 1, last.

St. Vincent's Catholic.

Services will be held at St. Vincent's Catholic church today as follows: First mass at 7 o'clock; second mass at 9:30 o'clock; Sunday school at 3 o'clock; vespers and benediction at 7:30 o'clock.

Calvary Baptist

Col. Maryus Jones will speak at the Calvary Baptist church this morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. E. T. Wellford. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Butler, is spending his vacation in North Carolina.

Thirtieth Street Christian.

Rev. W. R. Jinnett, pastor of the Thirtieth street Christian church, will preach this morning and evening at the usual hours.

Twenty-fourth Street Christian.

Rev. D. S. Henkel, pastor of the Twenty-fourth street Christian church, will preach today on the following subjects: Morning, "The World's Great Teacher;" evening, "The Sabbath of the Kingdom." The Relief Association meets at this church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

St. Paul's Episcopal

At St. Paul's Episcopal church today there will be services as follows: 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 10 a. m., Bible classes; 11 a. m., morning prayer, litany and sermon by the rector, Rev. A. O. Sykes; 8 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. There will be special music at each service.

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Grace Methodist.

Usual services will be conducted at the Grace Methodist church this morning and evening, preaching by the pastor, Rev. L. C. Shearer.

Second Presbyterian.

General Secretary U. S. Duncan, of the Y. M. C. A., will conduct services at the Second Presbyterian church this morning. In the evening Physical Instructor W. R. Lynch, of the Y. M. C. A., will occupy the pulpit.

Y. M. C. A. Notes

Victory perched on the banners of two of the Y. M. C. A. teams yesterday afternoon; the base ball team making a score of four to one over the fast aggregation of shipyard time keepers, and a delegation of association tennis players putting it over the Hampton Y. M. C. A. In the tennis tournament the first prize, a tennis racket, was won by I. Bremond Harvey, and the second prize, a pair of tennis shoes, won by G. H. McAlpine, both winners being from Newport News. This is the tournament which was postponed from the Fourth of July. There will be a return contest held in this city in the near future.

The summary and line-up of the baseball game is as follows: Y. M. C. A.—Sinclair, c.; Monfalcone, p.; Hughes, 1b.; Underwood, 2b.; Spicer, ss.; Lenz, 3b.; McFall, 1b.; Silbert, c. f.; Hughes, A. r. f.

Timekeepers—Bryant, 1b.; Shaawen, 3b.; Nealon, ss.; McMullan, 2b.; Richardson, r. f.; Powell, 1b.; Linkus, c. f.; Garrett, c.; Van Pelt, p.

R. H. E Y. M. C. A. 1 3 3 Timekeepers 1 2 4

Summary—Struck out, by Monfalcone, 6; by Van Pelt, 5. Hit by pitcher, Garrett. Base on balls, off Monfalcone, 1. Time of game, 1h. 10 minutes. Umpire, Mr. Robert Massenburgh.

Entries will be opened Monday for a freeze-out Tennis tournament to be played off at once.

The association baseball team will meet the fast Hampton Y. M. C. A. team next Saturday on the Soldiers' Home diamond.



REMEDIES

LIST OF PENN REMEDIES

Penn Catarrh Cure Price \$2.00
Penn Rheumatism Cure, Liquid, 1.00
Penn Rheumatism Cure, Tablets, .50
Penn Nerve and Blood Cure, .50
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Penn Dyspepsia Cure, .50
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SOMMERVILLE AND JONES READY FOR BOUT TOMORROW

Both Little Men Are in Superb Condition and Match Promises to Furnish Fine Sport.

General interest is being manifested in the wrestling bout between Bob Sommerville and Benny Jones, which will be pulled off at the Academy of Music tomorrow night and which promises to be the finest sporting event ever seen on the Peninsula.

Both men are in superb condition having been hard at work training for the past two weeks. Each has dropped fifteen pounds or more and will weigh in at 130 pounds with the greatest ease.

The "Little Giant" will hardly weigh over 125 pounds and is afraid to take on more weight because the operation might injure his wind and staying qualities. For years Bonnie was champion featherweight wrestler of the world and for a long time he was compelled to wrestle in the light-weight class order to get matches. He is a wonderful little man yet and despite his bald and grizzled head expects to make his sprightly young antagonist step lively to win.

Sommerville is the present featherweight champion and he, too, usually wrestles out of his class because there are so few men of his own size who can make it interesting for him. Although he believes he will win he is not inclined to discount Bonnie's cleverness, for he remembers his great match with Lacy at Adams, Mass., last summer. Lacy, who was 14 years old at least, weighed in at 124 1-2 pounds, and the Scotchman found considerable difficulty in getting down to that weight. The match lasted for six hours and a half, Sommerville getting two out of three falls during the strenuous battle.

John Sherman, of Phoebus, will officiate as announcer tomorrow night. It is likely that Robert Frankford, of this city, will be asked to referee the match.

In addition to the principal bout,

WRESTLING MATCH

Between BOB SOMMERVILLE, World's Champion featherweight, and BENNIE JONES, Retired Champion, Academy of Music, MONDAY, JULY 16th, 7-11-11

there are several preliminary members that promise to be interesting. Young Cheeseman and Dutch Woods, both of this city and Bud Wilson, of Hampton, and Kid Shultz, of Norfolk, will meet in wrestling bouts and there will be three-round boxing contests between Bud Lansing, of this city, and Kid Lewis, of Norfolk. Frank Bashford, a clever bag puncher, will give an exhibition of his skill.

Sommerville has agreed to give a brief exhibition of the Japanese wrestling art, known as Jiu Jitsu, in which he excels.

WIRELESS FOR THE MONROE.

O. D. Company Arranges to Have De Forrest System Installed.

The Old Dominion Steamship Company has arranged with the Atlantic De Forrest Wireless Company to equip the steamer Monroe with wireless telegraphy. The work will be started at once and should be completed in a short time.

It is probable that all of the Old Dominion liners plying between this city and New York will be equipped with wireless.

Held For Grand Jury.

Sterling Blackwell, a negro, was held for the grand jury by Justice Brown in the police court yesterday morning on the charge of larceny and house breaking. It is alleged that the negro broke into and robbed the Dixie Steam laundry, a negro laundry on Twenty-third street, last Sunday night.